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| Farmarked for consumption within the state of Mecklenburg | 280,000 tons |
| Exported to other states of the Soviet-occupied zone of Germany and to the western zones | 200,000 " |
| Delivered to the Soviet Army | 100,000 " |

The 100,000 tons of grain delivered to the Soviet Army were, however, used for export purposes, so that the needs of the Soviet troops stationed in Mecklenburg had to be met from stocks set aside for the provisioning of the population of Mecklenburg.

2. During 1946 a total of one million tons of potatoes was collected in Mecklenburg. This quantity was distributed as follows:

Apportioned to the state of Mecklenburg to cover its needs	634,794 tons
Exported to other states of the Soviet zone of Germany	145,553 "
Earmarked for the making of Schnaps	134,653 "
Delivered to the Soviet Army	85,000 "

Since the entire quota of potatoes delivered to the Russians was used by them for export, it became necessary to cover the needs of the troops within the state of Mecklenburg from stocks earmarked for local consumption.

3. According to estimates, 900,000 tons of potatoes will be collected in Mecklenburg in 1947.

4. This year's harvest of grain and potatoes in Saxony-Anhalt is expected to be far below that of previous years. In the past, the average yield of grain amounted to eight to nine cwt. per Morgen; this year, however, only about four cwt. are being harvested per Morgen. A similar situation prevails in regard to potatoes.

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Kreis Querfurt, for instance, has always had a surplus of potatoes and was able to supply other large areas; this year, however, it has been unable to fill its quota. Another Kreis whose quota had been set at 14,400 cwt. was not even able to deliver 4,000 cwt.

5. In spite of the critical potato situation, and contrary to press announcements, edible potatoes are still being used for the making of spirits. Spirits produced in Saxony-Anhalt are at present allocated as follows:

- 40% - to Russians
- 30% - to Cooperatives
- 20% - to Cafes, etc.
- 10% - to privately-owned shops

6. The Government of Saxony-Anhalt has, according to an official of the Ministry of Finance, been promised by the Russians a small percentage of the tax levied on spirits; this share has already been included in the state budget.

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